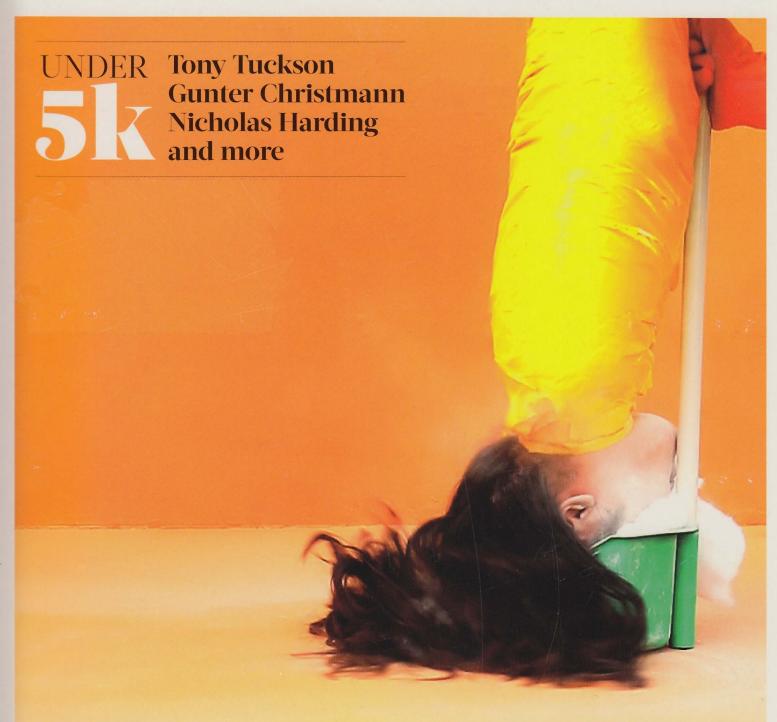
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WHAT NEXT?

KAWITA VATANAJYANKUR

Why pay attention?

Kawita Vatanajyankur has exhibited extensively in Melbourne and has also been involved in numerous group exhibitions internationally including at the MECA Mediterraneo Centro Artistico in Spain, Gallery MD_S in Poland and at the Ikono On Air Festival in Berlin. She will soon be opening a mobile contemporary art space called The Ferry Gallery on a ferry running across Bangkok's Chao Praya River.

What does she do?

Vatanajyankur incorporates her own body into her photography and video work. She is interested in the psychological action and reaction of the body when confronted with different objects and environments. The use of violent actions in the video works can make them uncomfortable to watch as the artist conveys both power and the lack of power.

What's it about?

Her work focuses on the female body and its relationship to different objects within everyday environments. Using humour, the artist challenges preconceived ideas of fine art and crafts as well as traditional female roles of domesticity. The work plays on female insecurities and aspects of power play.

The artist says...

"By using my own body I force it to confront the object, imitate the object until it is pressured to become part of the object, merged within, so the body becomes the still life itself and turns into a sculpture."

Where can you see it?

Her work is at Stills Gallery in Sydney until 12 July

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Kawita Vatanajyankur, The Robes, 2014. Video still, edition of 3.

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Kawita Vatanajyankur, The Ice Shaver, 2013. Video still, edition of 3.

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Kawita Vatanajyankur, Poured, 2013. Video still, edition of 3. COURTESY: THE ARTIST AND BEAM CONTEMPORARY, MELBOURNE

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Kawita Vatanajyankur, Wet Rag, 2012. Video still, edition of 3, courtesy: The artist, stills gallery, sydney, and beam contemporary, melbourne

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Kawita Vatanajyankur, The Basket, 2014. Video still, edition of 3. Courtesy: The artist; stills gallery, sydney; and beam contemporary, melbourne











Kawita Vatanajyankur, *Talk*, 2011. Video still.

Kawita Vatanajyankur, *The Shipping box*, 2011. Digital Photograph, 4.8 x 36.5cm.
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